

moment's cessation of artillery fire, an effort was made to reorganize the Company, but before this was completed the German artillery forced it to move farther into the woods. This continued so reorganization of the Company failed.

It was reported, and the attack by the Division in this sector was made on the assumption, that the enemy was withdrawing, but this proved erroneous.

The terrain ahead of the Company now was low and marshy with heavy woods, though the larger timber had been splintered by the enemy's artillery fire. The whole section here had been most elaborately organized for defense during the last four years. It was a perfect network of wire and a great number of concrete machine gun and trench mortar emplacements and deep dugouts were everywhere located to the German's best advantage. But in the face of all this disadvantage, gas, airplane fire and machine gun fire, "K" Company



The Cement Dugout and German Crew in Charge, Old Hindenburg Line, Where "K" Company Spent Night of November 9, 1918